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SUBJECT: CIVIL AIR NEGOTIATIONS WITH LEBANON

1. THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF CIVIL AVIATION, ZOUHAIR BEYDOUN, HAS SENT US TWO MEMORANDA DEALING WITH THE HISTORY OF AMERICAN/ LEBANESE AIR AGREEMENTS AND ROUTE SCHEDULES. WE ARE SENDING YOU THE TEXTS, QUOTED BELOW, SINCE BEYDOUN WILL UNDOUBTEDLY RAISE THESE ISSUES DURING THE NEGOTIATIONS IN WASHINGTON LATER THIS MONTH.

2. MEMO ON HISTORY OF AIR AGREEMENTS:

A. BEGIN QUOTE. THE U.S./LEBANON AIR AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED IN 1946. THIS AGREEMENT GRANTS U.S.-DESIGNATED CARRIERS ROUTES FROM THE U.S. VIA INTERMEDIARY POINTS IN EUROPE, AND BEYOND BEIRUT VIA INTERMEDIARY POINTS IN ASIA TO THE U.S.

B. PAA STARTED SERVICES INTO LEBANON IN 1951. PAA EXPLOITED ROUND THE WORLD SERVICES THROUGH LEBANON, ENJOYING FIFTH FREEDOM RIGHTS IN MOST CAPITALS OF EUROPE AND BEYOND, TO IRAN, PAKISTAN, INDIA, THAILAND, HONG KONG AND JAPAN.

C. WHEN THIS BILATERAL AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED IN 1946, NO LEBANESE

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CARRIER ENVISAGED AN OPERATION TO THE U.S., AND IT WAS AGREED THEN THAT THE LEBANESE ROUTES WILL BE AGREED UPON AT A FUTURE DATE. NO LEBANESE CARRIER OPERATED TO THE U.S. IN RECIPROCITY OF PAA BETWEEN 1951 AND 1971.

D. THE LEBANESE ALL CARGO CARRIER, TMA, WAS OPERATING ALL CARGO SERVICES BETWEEN BEIRUT AND TOKYO, AND TMA FOUND IT MOST

ECONOMICAL TO EXTEND THE TOKYO SERVICE TO NEW YORK AND ONWARDS TO BEIRUT.

E. THE UNITED STATES AND LEBANON HELD NEGOTIATIONS IN 1970, AND THE U.S. GOVERNMENT AGREED TO AN ALL CARGO OPERATION, STARTING FROM BEIRUT VIA INTERMEDIARY POINTS TO JAPAN AND ONWARDS TO NEW YORK AND POINTS IN EUROPE TO BEIRUT. TMA STARTED OPERATION ON THIS ROUTE IN 1971. TMA WAS GRANTED A 402 PERMIT FOR FIVE YEARS, EXPIRING ON MAY, 1976. IN DUE COURSE, AND AS A RESULT OF MANY CONSULTATIONS, THE LEBANESE/U.S. BILATERAL WAS AMENDED TO INCLUDE ANOTHER ROUTE FOR LEBANON, FROM BEIRUT VIA INTERMEDIARY POINTS TO NEW YORK AND RETURN AND, IN ADDITION, THE ROUTE RIGHTS OF BOTH PARTIES WERE MADE TO EXPIRE IN MAY, 1976, TO COINCIDE WITH THE TMA 402 PERMIT.

F. DUE TO THE PROBLEMS IN LEBANON, NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE U.S. TO RENEW THE BILATERAL WERE NOT POSSIBLE. LEBANON REQUESTED EXTENSION OF THE EXPIRY DATE OF MAY, 1976, FOR AT LEAST A YEAR. THE U.S. GOVERNMENT EXTENDED INITIALLY THE DATE TO DECEMBER 31, 1976, ON CONDITION THAT CONSULTATIONS SHOULD BE HELD BEFORE THAT DATE.

G. AGAIN, DUE TO THE SITUATION IN LEBANON, NO CONSULTATIONS WERE HELD AND LEBANON REQUESTED A FURTHER EXTENSION. THE U.S. GOVERNMENT EXTENDED THE ROUND WORLD SERVICE UNTIL MARCH 31 ONLY AND THE OTHER ROUTE TO END OF JUNE, 1977.

H. TMA HAS PIONEERED THE ALL CARGO ROUND THE WORLD SERVICE. THIS LONG HAUL SERVICE HAS BECOME A VITAL COMPONENT OF THE TMA LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NETWORK AND AN IMPORTANT ECONOMICAL FACTOR IN TMA'S VIABILITY AT THIS STAGE. A DISRUPTION OF THE ROUND THE WORLD SERVICE MAY BE A DEADLY BLOW TO THE LEBANESE CARRIER. END QUOTE.

3. MEMO ON ROUTE SCHEDULES.

A. BEGIN QUOTE. THE ROUTE SCHEDULES ATTACHED TO THE BILATERAL AIR AGREEMENT SIGNED BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF LEBANON AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA SPECIFY THE AIR ROUTE TO BE OPERATED BY THE LEBANESE CARRIERS. IT ALSO SPECIFIES THE TRAFFIC RIGHTS ALLOCATED TO EACH CARRIER. WE CONSIDER THAT THE ROUTE SCHEDULES TOGETHER WITH THE TRAFFIC RIGHTS SHOULD BE MAINTAINED AS THEY ARE.

B. THE MEMORANDUM OF CONSULTATIONS SIGNED ON 13/6/1972 BETWEEN THE DELEGATIONS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND LEBANON SPECIFIES AND OUTLINES THE FOLLOWING:

(1) THE CONCERN OF THE LEBANESE DELEGATION THAT THE AMOUNT OF PAA'S CARRIAGE OF TRAFFIC ON 5TH FREEDOM SECTORS UNDULY AFFECTS

THE SERVICES OF MEA, ESPECIALLY ON REGIONAL SECTORS SUCH AS FRANKFURT, ISTANBUL, AND TEHERAN.

(2) THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION HAS NOTED THE CONCERN OF THE LEBANESE DELEGATION THAT ANY SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN CAPACITY AND POSSIBLE CHANGES IN PAA'S ROUTING WHICH MIGHT INTRODUCE NEW NON-STOP SECTORS SUCH AS LONGON/BEIRUT WILL HAVE UNDUE EFFECT ON THE SERVICES OF MEA.

(3) THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION STATED THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WILL TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE CONCERN EXPRESSED BY THE LEBANESE DELEGATION.

(4) THE ASSURANCE OF THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT CONDONE PATENTLY UNREASONABLE CAPACITY.

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C. THE LEBANESE OFFICIAL NOTES SENT TO THE AMERICAN EMBASSY RELATING TO THE EXTENSIONS OF THE BILATERAL AIR AGREEMENT HAD SPECIFIED THAT SCHEDULE CHARGES BY THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED AIRLINE SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE MEMORANDUM OF CONSULTATIONS DATED JUNE 13, 1972.

D. WE CONSIDER THAT ANY FUTURE CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THE DELEGATIONS OF THE TWO GOVERNMENTS SHOULD BE CONDUCTED WITH THE SPIRIT AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ABOVE MENTIONED PROVISIONS OF THE MEMORANDUM OF CONSULTATIONS DATED 13/6/72 AND THE OFFICIAL LEBANESE NOTES. END QUOTE.

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